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St. James's, October 28.

THIS Day their Majeſties, with his Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, the Duke, the Princeſs Royal, and their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſſes Amelia, Caroline, Mary and Louiſa, returned from Richmond to reſide here.

St. James's, October 29.

This Day Abraham Stanyan, Eſq; His Majeſty's late Ambaſſadour at the Ottoman Porte, being returned from Conſtantinople, waited on His Majeſty, and delivered his Recredential Letters from the Grand Signior and Grand Vizier; and His Majeſty was pleaſed to receive him very graciouſly.

St. James's, October 30.

This being the Anniverſary of His Majeſty's Birth Day, His Majeſty received at Noon the Compliments of the Nobility, Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction. At Night there was a Ball. The Appearance was at both Times very numerous, and extremely ſplendid. On this Occaſion the Guns in the Park and at the Tower were fired, and in the Evening there were Bonfires, Illuminations, and other publick Demonſtrations of Joy, throughout London and Weſtminſter.

London, October 29.

Yeſterday Humphrey Parſons, Eſq; Lord Mayor Elect for the Year enſuing, was ſworn at Guildhall; when the Chair and other Enſigns of Mayoralty were ſurrendred to him in the accuſtomed Manner.

This Day the new Lord Mayor, accompanied by the late Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Recorder, and Sheriffs, in their Scarlet Gowns, went in their Coaches to the Water-Side, the Sword and Mace being carried before them, and the City Officers attending; and from thence proceeded in the City Barge, attended by the ſeveral Companies in their reſpective Barges adorned with Streamers and Pendants to Weſtminſter; and having walked round the Hall and ſolemnly ſaluted all the Courts, they went to the Exchequer Bar, and the Lord Mayor did there take the Oaths appointed, and having recorded Warrants of Attorney in the proper Courts, returned by Water to Dorſet-Stairs, and from thence in Coaches with the uſual Solemnity to Guildhall, where a magnificent Entertainment was provided, at which were preſent the Great Officers of State, divers of the Nobility, Lords of His Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council, the Judges, and other Perſons of Quality and Diſtinction.

Windſor Caſtle, Oct. 12, 1730.

Whereas in the Month of September laſt ſeveral Letters were ſent to Mr. George Packer, of the City of Briſtol, Merchant, and one to his Siſters who lived in his Houſe, requiring that a certain Sum of Money ſhould be left in particular Places deſcribed in the ſaid Letters, threatning, if the ſame were not complied with, to murther them, and to burn his Houſe, and accordingly on Saturday the 3d of October Inſtant, about Twelve of the Clock at Night, his ſaid Houſe was ſet on Fire, and entirely conſumed, whereby the Ships at the Key and the whole City were in great Danger of being alſo ſet on Fire; and ſince the burning of the ſaid Houſe, two Letters have been conveyed to the ſaid Mr. Packer, threatning, if he did not leave a larger Sum of Money at a Place appointed, to murther him and his Siſters, to burn every Houſe he ſhould live in, and that the City before it were long, ſhould be all in Flames: For the better diſcovering and bringing to Juſtice the Perſon concerned in a Crime of ſo high a Nature, and attended with ſo much Barbarity and Villany, His Majeſty is pleaſed to promiſe His moſt gracious Pardon to any one of them, who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof; and alſo a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to ſuch Perſon, or to any other Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, payable upon the Conviction of ſuch Offender or Offenders.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

Briſtol, October 19, 1730.

And as a further Encouragement to ſuch Diſcovery, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council of the City of Briſtol, do hereby promiſe, That whoever ſhall diſcover the Perſon or Perſons who ſent, or contrived or directed the ſending the ſaid Letters, or any of them, or was or were concerned in ſetting Fire to the ſaid Houſe, or ſent, contrived or directed the ſending any Letter or Letters ſince the burning the ſaid Houſe, to the ſaid Mr. Packer or others, demanding Money as aforeſaid, ſo as he or they may be convicted thereof, ſhall, upon ſuch Conviction, receive as a Reward the Sum of TWO Hundred Pounds of the ſaid City, to be paid by the Chamberlain of the ſaid City, over and above all Rewards already offered. By Order of the Court,

Blaake, *Town-Clerk.*

The Committee for Letting the Cities Lands in the Account of the Chamberlain of the City of London give Notice, That they intend to Lett by ſeveral Leaſes. No 1. The Place or Office of one of the Fifteen Sea-Coal-meeters of this City, now in Leaſe to Mr. Maurice Boheme. No 2. The Place or Office of one of the Ten Corn-meeters of this City, now in Leaſe to Mr. John Amy. And that the ſaid Committee will ſit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wedneſday, the 11th Day of November next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Propoſals for the ſame: Of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Guildhall aforeſaid.

The Committee for Letting the Bridge-houſe Lands, give Notice, That they intend to Lett by Leaſe, one Meſſuage in the Old-Change, adjoyning to St. Paul's School, now empty, and alſo one Meſſuage in Rood-Lane, in the ſeveral Poſſeſſions of John Comber, Frame-Maker, and Abraham Churchill: And alſo the Eaſt-ſide of London-Bridge Gate, and the New Room over the Gate-way, with the Leads over the ſame. And alſo Liberty of Building on the two vacant Places over the Gullet next adjoyning to London-Bridge Gate, in the South ſide thereof, lying on the Eaſt and Weſt ſides of the Street, or Paſſage there. And the ſaid Committee will ſit in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Wedneſday the 4th Day of November next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, to receive Propoſals for the Premiſſes ſeverally. Of which more particular Information may be had at the Comptroller's Office in the Bridge-houſe, Southwark.

Mine-Office in Winchester-Street, London, Oct. 30, 1730.

Notice is hereby given, by Order of the Governor, that a General Court of the Company of the Mine Adventurers of England, will be held at this Office on Thurſday